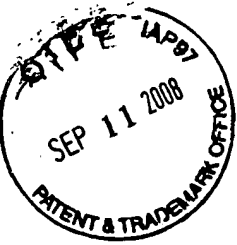


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In re Application of:	)	
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2008, the period for response to which extends through September 18, 2008, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested as follows: